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Subject: End of Day--May 18, 2018

Have a great weekend!

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ENR Southwest (David Brown) – OPEN – Freelance reporter asking to speak with Alexis Strauss regarding Navajo AUMs. Waiting on additional information and questions from reporter to determine best contact. SFD, Navajo Nation Margot

Honolulu Star Advertiser (Dan Nakaso) [Received 5/18] – CLOSED – Reporter had questions about EPA SO2 standards, where he could find the latest SO2 data for Hawaii and how Hawaii Island ranked vs. other US areas for SO2. Air Division provided answers and EPA site links to resources to answer the reporter's questions. HI AIR, SFD, Dean Higuchi

Hawaii News Now (Lynn Kawano) [Received 5/17] – CLOSED – Reporter wanted to be able to shoot general b-roll or get a photo of one of our EPA monitors being installed as part of the eruption response. OSC Jason Musante was able to get photos, which we provided to the reporter, and it was used on her live report on yesterday's 6 pm newscast. HI, SFD, Dean Higuchi

Desert Sun (Ian James) [Received 5/18]—OPEN—Reporter was looking for a copy of Mike M.'s presentation in Calexico and asked for clarification on some numbers regarding water infrastructure in Mexicali we gave him a month ago. Sent presentation and statement. Reporter had some additional follow up questions. WTR, SoCal, Nahal Mogharabi.

San Jose Mercury News (Paul Rogers) [Received -5/18] - CLOSED - Reporter was looking to interview the new Regional Administrator, Mike Stoker, for a daily news piece. Referred to HQ. Contact: Kelly Zito

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media:

Water Infrastructure Funding – Posted to our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> pages about the funding opportunity and linked to our Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act page.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (HI) – Staffer Kirsten Turner emailed/called to let us know that Rep. Gabbard wanted to express the urgency for air monitoring for the eruption. The staffer said they heard of a situation where a Pahoa School was left open and teachers were experiencing health impacts because there was a delay in the county/state announcing the school was closed. Both emailed and talked to the staffer and asked her to assure the congresswoman that EPA is working as quickly as possible and supporting HDOH in setting up monitoring location stations. Will also provide the staffer with periodic updates on the progress of our work. Dean Higuchi

Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA): Brent Maier coordinated and participated in a call today with June Williams in Sen. Harris' San Francisco office to provide an update/briefing on the Hunters Point Superfund Site and answer questions. EPA participants included Superfund's Lily Lee, John Chesnutt, Angeles Herrera, Enrique Manzanilla and Office of Regional Counsel's Brianna Fairbanks and Office of Public Affairs Director Kelly Zito. As a follow up to the call, Brent Maier shared the same information shared with Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi's office on Wednesday of this week regarding the FOIA from Greenaction as well as a map showing the various parcels at the Hunters Point Superfund Site.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA): Brent Maier received an inquiry from John Murray in the Senator's San Francisco Office asking for our views on community requests for re-sampling of parcel A at the Hunters Point Superfund Site. Brent shared a response via e-mail from Superfund's Lily Lee that responds to John's inquiry. Brent also shared the same information shared with Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi's office on Wednesday of this week regarding the FOIA from Green Action as well as a map showing the various parcels at the Hunters Point Superfund Site.

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ): Brent Maier received an inquiry from Austin Kennedy in Senator McCain's office regarding his interest in setting up a call sometime soon with incoming Regional Administrator Mike Stoker as well as extending an invite to him for the upcoming Rio Salado federal partners planned tour for June 6 – 7 in Arizona. Brent responded to Austin to let him know that Mike Stocker will assume his duties on Monday, May 21st and that we will make sure that he is aware of this incoming request following his arrival. https://rioreimagined.org/

Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13): Brent Maier received a request from Xavier Johnson in Congresswoman Barbara Lee's office asking for assistance in connecting someone at EPA with Alison Kastama who is the Special Assistant to the General Manager at EBMUD. Brent has reached out to Enforcement Division's Joel Jones for a name and contact information here in R9 that will be shared with both Alison and Xavier so that Alison can reach out to them at her convenience to discuss EPA's Lead Abatement Program efforts.

Congressional Outreach on Bonita Peak Mining District: At the request of Superfund's David Yogi, Brent Maier shared a May 2018 Bonita Peak Mining District Update with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake and Rep. Tom O'Halleran as well as Navajo Nation officials.

Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Update: The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee today released a water resources authorization bill that is less controversial than expected. The panel's Water Resources Development Act authorization, <u>H.R. 8</u>, is sponsored by Chairman Bill Shuster (R-Pa.) and co-sponsored by ranking member Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.), Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Chairman Garret Graves (R-La.) and subcommittee ranking member Grace Napolitano (D-Calif.).

Update on FY2019 EPA Budget: On Tuesday, May 15, 2018, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies passed the FY19 Interior and Environment spending bill by a voice vote. The bill will now move to the full House Appropriations Committee. This article provides highlights of the bill. The legislation, in total, provides \$32.25 billion – equal to the FY18 enacted level. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The FY19 spending bill funds the EPA at \$7.96 billion – \$100 million below the FY18 enacted level. EPA regulatory programs are reduced by \$228 million below current levels. The bill also provides the following funding, among other provisions: \$2.6 billion for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan fund, which states and localities use for water infrastructure projects; an increase of \$40 million for cleanup of Superfund sites; and, \$75 million for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program to "leverage federal dollars to provide financing for more than \$8 billion in water infrastructure projects," according to the Committee. Additionally, the legislation provides the following policy

changes: it fully repeals the "Waters of the United States" regulation; prohibits "regulation of lead content of ammunition and fishing tackle, relieving livestock operations from EPA permitting requirements, and exempting livestock producers from EPA greenhouse gas regulations;" and a directive that aims to "establish clear policies that reflect the carbon neutrality of biomass." - California Capitol Hill Bulletin

For more information regarding the hearing visit:

https://appropriations.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=395295

For the full text of the legislation visit: https://docs.house.gov/meetings/AP/AP06/20180515/108314/BILLS-115HR-SC-AP-FY2019-Interior-SubcommitteeDraft.pdf

For additional highlights of the FY19 spending bill, provided by Committee staff visit: https://appropriations.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=395297

Upcoming Congressional Meetings, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 - House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee: Will hold a hearing on "FAST Act Implementation: Motor Carrier Provisions." <u>More Information.</u>

Tuesday – Wednesday, May 22 – 23, 2018 - PFAS National Leadership Summit and Engagement - EPA HQ will be hosting a National Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. to take action on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in the environment. The National Leadership Summit will be held in Washington, D.C. on May 22-23, 2018. During the summit, participants will work together to: Share information on ongoing efforts to characterize risks from PFAS and develop monitoring and treatment/cleanup techniques; Identify specific near-term actions, beyond those already underway, that are needed to address challenges currently facing states and local communities; and Develop risk communication strategies that will help communities to address public concerns with PFAS. Link to information: https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-national-leadership-summit-and-engagement

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 - House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittees' on Information Technology and Government Operations: Will hold a hearing entitled, "The Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) Scorecard 6.0." More Information.

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 - EPA HQ to Meet with Huntington Beach, CA Local Official: On Wednesday, May 23, EPA headquarters and Region IX staff will meet with Councilmember Patrick Brendan to discuss the city's ocean odor issues. Per the interest of Representative Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA-48), District Director Kathleen Staunton will also participate (by telephone). Ms. Staunton has personally thanked the Region IX staff for a prompt response to a recent letter from Rep. Rohrabacher. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is in the midst of an active investigation in the wake of concerns raised by residents and local officials. Region IX is working closely with the South Coast AQMD, and has assured the congressman that, to the extent the Region can provide expertise regarding issues related to offshore air quality, staff stand ready to do so. Region 9 Enforcement Division's Joel Jones and Andrew Chew and Air Division's Amy Zimpfer along with Brent Maier plan to participate in this HQ meeting via teleconference.

Tuesday, May 29, 2018 - 2018 LGAC Teleconference: The Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) will have an introductory teleconference on Tuesday, May 29th, 2:30pm -3:30pm. Deputy Administrator Andrew Wheeler is scheduled to speak with all members. LGAC members will hear about how the LGAC operates, develops policy advice, and provide recommendations for the Administrator. OCIR Contact: Fran Eargle

Wednesday – Thursday, June 6 – 7, 2018 - Federal Partners Tour of Rio Salado Project: Arizona State University and the Office of Senator John McCain are organizing a Federal Partners Tour of the 'Rio Reimagined' Rio Salado Project for all day Wednesday, June 6th and the morning of Thursday, June 7th in Arizona. Agenda includes both aerial and ground tours of the Salt River corridor, as well as meetings with municipalities and tribal communities who will review accomplishments and future plans for priority projects within the 'Rio Reimagined' project (website link embedded)

